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1. A resident stated that, on 8 November, about 300 soldiers left the Mudra Kaserne on Heinrich Heine Strasse, Riesa, by truck. Two buildings of the installation were vacant on 12 November. Garbage and rubble were piled up in front of the windows. No pontoons were seen. Thirty to 40 iron girders about six meters long were stored. Source believed that the installation was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers most of whom were wearing red-bordered black epaulets but some wore black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. Five sedans and about 130 trucks were in the barracks yard. At 11 a.m., 35 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were repairing trucks and about 60 soldiers were maintaining motor vehicles in the garages.

2. On 12 November, the Goltz Kaserne on Breitscheid Strasse was occupied by about 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. Source thought that 8 JS-3 tanks, 15 x 82-mm mortars and about 30 trucks were in the installation. Between noon and 1:30 p.m. 2 officers and 25 soldiers were engaged in aiming practices. Trucks were seen at the installation.

3. On 28 November, the Goltz Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 400 soldiers. No training activity was noticed. A few soldiers were engaged in unloading coal. At 5:30 p.m., a band played in the barracks yard. Trenches, about 80 cm deep, were dug between the garages on Friedrich Liatz Strasse. Motor vehicles seen at the installation

4. On 28 November, the Mudra Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. Only part of the buildings was lighted at dusk. About 50 soldiers maintained motor vehicles. About 30 trucks were in the garages. A column who were singing entered the installation at 1:30 p.m. About 50 soldiers were seen at the windows of the billeting buildings shortly after 1:30 p.m. Trucks were seen at the installation. Driving school trucks were parked in front of the officers' club on Friedrich Engels Strasse. Truck pulled up at the officers' club at 5 p.m. and 20 officers alighted from the truck and entered the building.

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1. Comment. The Mudra Kaserne is believed to quarter the 108th Tank Regt and the headquarters and unidentified signal battalion of the 9th Tank Div including the command detail of the headquarters which is located in the August Bebel Strasse restricted area. The soldiers who left the installation probably were soldiers who assembled at the division headquarters for discharge. On 11 November, shuttle train No 110 carrying personnel, went to Gerdauen from Meissen which is another location of the division. The pontoons were probably stored at the installation only during the summer season when the engineer units of the First Gds Mecz Army were assembled in the training area north of Riesa for training on the Elbe River. Although the unidentified engineer battalion is carried in Oschatz, it could no longer be confirmed there.

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2. Comment. The 70th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Tank Div is stationed at the Goltz Kaserne. The mortars seen are believed to belong to the submachine gun battalion of this regiment. On 3 October, source observed the return of the units stationed in Riesa from summer training at the Zeithain troop training grounds. which belongs to the unidentified tank which is no longer in Riesa or Oschatz but in Zeithain.

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